

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, AR, UY  
SUBJECT: FISH KILLS IN RIVER PLATE

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED LARGE FISH KILLS IN RIVER PLATE ESTUARY, FIRST NEAR URUGUAYAN SHORE, AND LATER NEAR SAN ISIDRO, SOME 20 KM N.W. OF BUENOS AIRES. MOST RECENT KILLS INVOLVED "TONS" OF FISH.
2. ON JAN. 21, ALITALIA DC-10 WHICH HAD TAKEN OFF FROM EZEIZA HAD ENGINE TROUBLE AND WAS ADVISED TO AND DID JETTISON CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF FUEL OVER RIVER PLATE BEFORE RETURNING TO EZEIZA. THE FIRST FISH KILLS (NEAR (URUGUAY) FOLLOWED SOON THEREAFTER, AND PRESS WAS QUICK TO NOTE THE PROBABLY RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH WE ARE UNAWARE OF HARD EVIDENCE OF THE CONNECTION.
3. THE PRESS HAS NOTED THAT MORE RECENT KILLS NEAR ARGENTINE SHORE MAY BE DUE AT LEAST IN PART, TO EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF LIQUID INDUSTRIAL WASTE DISCHARGED FROM FACTORIES.
4. COMMENT: TIMING OF INITIAL KILLS DOES SEEM TO STRONGLY IMPLICATE THE JET FUEL DISCHARGE AS A PROBABLE CAUSE. THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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MUCH LESS CERTAIN FOR THE SUBSEQUENT KILLS A MONTH LATER.

5. DEPT. MAY WISH PASS COPY FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES TO MEMBERS OF US DEL TO UN WATER CONFERENCE.  
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